

REMARKS

Claims 21-41 are currently pending. Applicants note with appreciation withdrawal of the §103 rejection and the Examiner's guidance in explaining the nature of the §112 rejection via telephone interview. As discussed in more detail below, Claims 23, 25-27, 29 and 30 are amended to provide clarification as to the subject matter claimed.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 21-41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite. The following changes were made to the claims:

Claim 23 is amended to correct the definition of n. No new matter is added; one skilled in the art would understand, based on the examples of specific compounds falling within the formula, that this definition of n was intended.

Claims 25 and 29 are amended to clarify the nature of the mixtures.

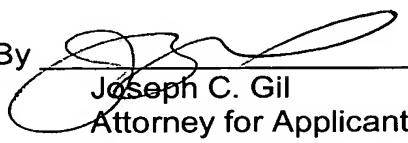
Claims 26 and 27 are amended to remove the proviso since this compound is not embraced by the definition of M in these claims; Claim 27 is also amended to correct the definition of n, in view of the specific structure for M recited in the claim.

Claim 30 is amended by a correction to the formula, so that there is now proper antecedent basis for n in Claim 35.

Applicants submit that the above amendments obviate the §112 rejection and respectfully request withdrawal of this basis of rejection.

In view of the above amendments and remarks presented herein, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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